

## WEEKLY ANNOUNCEMENTS

For events, please sign up through the QR codes or on the APC website!

**Pray with a Shepherd after both worship services today.** After each service, leaders of APC's shepherding ministry will be waiting at the front of the Sanctuary. They would be delighted to pray with you about any topic!

**Covenant Kids and PROTAS are meeting tonight, as well as a meeting for CFG leaders. New adult classes for Key Equipping will begin next week, April 23.**

**Men's Breakfast on Saturday, April 22 from 8-9:30am in the Fellowship Hall.** Men and high school aged boys of APC—join us for fellowship over breakfast from Chick-fil-A. Our speaker, Scott Erdelatz, will share lessons from the life of Daniel. Please sign up by April 20!

**Register by April 20 for the APC All-Church Retreat!** Mark your calendars and plan to join us May 5-7, 2023 at the beautiful NorthBay, in North East, MD. This will be a wonderful weekend of making memories as a church family over meals together, worship, games, and fun for all ages. **For those not attending the retreat, one worship service will be held on May 7 at 11am.**

**Nursery volunteers:** Thank you for serving in the nursery as we teach and show Jesus to our little ones. Please sign up for the next quarter of nursery. Look for an email from Sign Up Genius. Open enrollment has begun and runs through Sunday, April 23rd. Please sign up!

**Vacation Bible School (VBS) will be June 19th to 23rd for children who are rising kindergarteners through 5th grade!** Nursery will be available for children of volunteers. Save the date for a VBS interest meeting between worship services on April 23.

**Newcomer Fellowship Dinner on Saturday, May 20, 6-8pm at APC.** If you've been attending APC for one week or several months, please join us for food and fellowship. You'll have a chance to meet church officers and staff, ask questions and learn more about the ministry God is building here.

**The next Inquirers Class is June 2 and 3.** If you are interested in membership or in gaining a deeper understanding of APC, we invite you to attend this class. You will receive an introduction to Christianity, the PCA, and the specific vision/mission and philosophy of ministry at APC. It's also a great opportunity to meet other newcomers to the church, as well as pastors and staff! Membership is open to all who profess faith in Christ and believe the basic teachings of the Christian faith. Attending the class does not obligate you to join the church.

**Volunteer at Lincolnian!** Did you know that between 15 and 20 Lincolnian Assisted Living residents attend a weekly devotional time with APC volunteers? Every Saturday at 10:30am we meet in the lobby for about an hour. Though only a few residents are able to attend our services in person, there are others who have participated with us at the Lincolnian for years. Many of you were able to join us this past Christmas. If you would like to visit again, or for the first time, please email Phyllis Sergent at phyllis.sergent@gmail.com. A regular commitment is not required. Please pray about volunteering, and please pray for salvations from this ministry.

**Paraguay Summer Missions Trip:** There is still time to join the summer missions trip to Paraguay July 20-31, 2023! Join brothers and sisters from Northern Virginia and Florida PCA churches to support 5 growing PCA churches in Paraguay. Activities will likely include construction at La Roca church, medical fairs, street evangelism, vacation Bible school, worship & fellowship, and a bit of sightseeing. **There will be a zoom call on Wednesday April 26 at 7pm to learn more about the trip and discuss planning details.** Cost is approximately \$1800, and some financial support is available from the APC Missions Committee. For questions and a zoom link, email Eleanor Nagy at eleanornagy@gmail.com.

<b>Giving at a Glance</b>	YTD Giving (7/1/22-3/31/23)	\$1,697,596
	YTD Budget (7/1/22-3/31/23)	\$1,820,000
	Difference	-\$122,404 (93%)

## CORPORATE PRAYER IN 2023

Every Sunday, 8:15am—Main Level Adult Education Room  
 Second Saturday of the month, 9am— Main Level Adult Education Room  
 Third Saturday of the month, 11am—Main Level Adult Education Room

## SIMULCAST OPPORTUNITIES

We love families and are so glad you are here! If you need to leave the Sanctuary for any reason, a simulcast is available in Room 112 on the Main Level. We also have speakers in the Lobby, so you will be able to see and hear the service from there. The Nursing Mothers Room is downstairs in Room 009, and also has a simulcast. To find Room 009, please go down the stairs by the elevator and turn left at the bottom of the stairs. Room 009 is off the downstairs Lobby.

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## SUNDAY MORNING MINISTRY WORKERS

- Hospitality** *This Week's Coffee Set Up:* Kari Adams, Jacquie Prather, Rebecca Schad  
*Next Week's Coffee Set Up:* the Allen family
- Nursery** *This Week's 9am Service:* Rob, Laura, Emily, and Elyse Coit, Laura Erickson, Tom Petelik, Margaret Veenstra, Traci Youngquist  
*This Week's 11am Service:* Mark Adams, Cindy Cai, Rick and Sara Eppright, Tom Mood, Staci Root  
*Next Week's 9am Service:* Chet and Erin Hutchinson, John and Emily Kinch, Amanda Leamer, Daniel and Kimberly Parker, Margaret Veenstra, Evan and Maureen Ward  
*Next Week's 11am Service:* Matt Brown, Jodie Kirk, Tom Mood, Joey and Bailey Rolland, Athena Selim
- Children's Church** *This Week's 9am Service:* Elan Liang, Amy Weld  
*This Week's 11am Service:* Erin Furgerson
- A/V Team** *This Week's Service:* Ethan Novak, Bailey Rolland, Brian Yoon
- Ushers** *9am Service:* Mark Adams, Sue Edwards, Brian Field, Alex and Heidi Gesch, Katty and Daniel Hoyle, Jon Osborne  
*11am Service:* Christian and Connor Brittle, Mike Mazek, Rick Eppright, Yynn Huh
- Deacons on Duty** Adam Barr, Stephen Sylvia, Angel Tinev

## KEY EQUIPPING

*During our Key Equipping time on Sunday evenings from 5-7pm, ministries are designed to equip all ages, from toddlers to seniors, to be disciples. A disciple is a follower and worshiper of Jesus. This is a life-long process of learning how to become more like our Lord.*

**Covenant Kids Ministry: Children 2 years old - 5th grade, Lower Level (Nursery for 1 & under)** We welcome children to learn foundational truths about God and the Gospel story. We experience what it looks like to love God and love others in community with our worship, small groups, teaching, games, fellowship, and dinner!  
 Contact: Erin Furgerson at erin.furgerson@alexandriapres.org.

**PROTAS Youth Ministry: Teens 6th-12th grade, Upper Level** Connect each week in community with your peers — the schedule includes games, worship, small group discussions, a short devotion at a teen level, and dinner.  
 Contact: Adam LeRoy at adam.leroy@alexandriapres.org.

**Adult Classes (Begin April 23)**  
**Topical**—"God's Glory in Missions", Led by Elder Rob Fisher, Room 201. "Missions is not the ultimate goal of the church. Worship is. Missions exist because worship doesn't."—John Piper. Many of us have heard this quoted before. In this study of missions using Piper's book, *Let the Nations be Glad! The Supremacy of God in Missions*, we will explore and seek to be transformed by God's zeal for His own Glory as it is expressed in bringing people from every tribe, nation and tongue to extol His greatness. The cost of the book is \$13.99, and scholarships are available.

**Foundational**—"How to Read the Bible", Led by Pastor Josh Diack, Room 112. The task of reading and understanding the Bible has and continues to be met with strong headwinds. The headwinds, rather than discouraging us, show us the value of the task—to know and study the Bible faithfully and dependently, and in so doing to "taste and see" Christ clothed in its pages.

**Book of the Bible**—"Ezra—Rebuilding the Temple and Recognizing God's Voice in the Midst of Hardship, Opposition, and Disappointment", Led by Elder Bryant Street, Room 114. This class will look at the return of the Jewish exiles from Babylon in its historical context and in the context of prophesy by Daniel, Haggai, and Zechariah.

APC Visitor Form



Give to APC



Retreat Registration



Men's Breakfast



Inquirers Class



Newcomer Dinner



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Alexandria Presbyterian Church is a welcoming community of believers, rejoicing in the gospel, transformed by its power, and responding with grateful hearts in service to our God and world. We long to taste the glory of God in such an astonishing way that the city of Alexandria will be drawn to the majesty and mercy of our great God. It is our desire that our worship will serve as an authentic model to our city of the possibilities for transformation of individuals, families and a city encountering the glory and grace of God.

# Holy Worship Service

## GOD INVITES HIS PEOPLE TO WORSHIP

### ■ prelude

### ■ call to worship | *Josh Diack, Pastor of Congregational Life and Missions*

*Psalm 145:8-10*

<sup>8</sup>The Lord is gracious and merciful,  
slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.

<sup>9</sup>The Lord is good to all,  
and his mercy is over all that he has made.

<sup>10</sup>All your works shall give thanks to you, O Lord,  
and all your saints shall bless you!

## GOD’S PEOPLE RESPOND

### ■ song of praise

#### Give to Our God Immortal Praise

Give to our God immortal praise; mercy and truth are all His ways:  
wonders of grace to God belong; repeat His mercies in your song.

Give to the Lord of lords renown; the King of kings with glory crown:  
His mercies ever shall endure, when lords and kings are known no more.

He built the earth, He spread the sky, and fixed the starry lights on high:  
wonders of grace to God belong; repeat His mercies in your song.

He fills the sun with morning light; He bids the moon direct the night:  
His mercies ever shall endure, when suns and moons shall shine no more.

He sent his Son with pow’r to save from guilt and darkness and the grave:  
wonders of grace to God belong; repeat His mercies in your song.

Through this vain world He guides our feet, and leads us to His heav’nly seat:  
His mercies ever shall endure, when this our world shall be no more.

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### ■ prayer of adoration

## GOD FEEDS HIS PEOPLE THROUGH HIS WORD

### ■ scripture reading | *Deacon Aaron McCauley (9am); Owen Gentry (11am)*

*Luke 10:25-37*

#### The Parable of the Good Samaritan

<sup>25</sup>And behold, a lawyer stood up to put him to the test, saying, “Teacher, what shall I do to inherit eternal life?” <sup>26</sup>He said to him, “What is written in the Law? How do you read it?”

<sup>27</sup>And he answered, “You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your strength and with all your mind, and your neighbor as yourself.” <sup>28</sup>And he said to him, “You have answered correctly; do this, and you will live.”

<sup>29</sup>But he, desiring to justify himself, said to Jesus, “And who is my neighbor?” <sup>30</sup>Jesus replied, “A man was going down from Jerusalem to Jericho, and he fell among robbers, who stripped him and beat him and departed, leaving him half dead. <sup>31</sup>Now by chance a priest was going down that road, and when he saw him he passed by on the other side. <sup>32</sup>So likewise a Levite, when he came to the place and saw him, passed by on the other side.

<sup>33</sup>But a Samaritan, as he journeyed, came to where he was, and when he saw him, he had compassion. <sup>34</sup>He went to him and bound up his wounds, pouring on oil and wine. Then he set him on his own animal and brought him to an inn and took care of him. <sup>35</sup>And the next day he took out two denarii and gave them to the innkeeper, saying, ‘Take care of him, and whatever more you spend, I will repay you when I come back.’ <sup>36</sup>Which of these three, do you think, proved to be a neighbor to the man who fell among the robbers?’ <sup>37</sup>He said, “The one who showed him mercy.” And Jesus said to him, “You go, and do likewise.”

## GOD’S PEOPLE RESPOND

### ■ song of praise

#### The Compassion Hymn

There is an everlasting kindness You lavished on us,  
when the Radiance of heaven came to rescue the lost.  
You called the sheep without a shepherd to leave their distress  
for Your streams of forgiveness and the shade of Your rest.

And with compassion for the hurting You reached out Your hand,  
as the lame ran to meet You, and the dead breathed again.  
You saw behind the eyes of sorrow and shared in our tears,  
heard the sigh of the weary, let the children draw near.

*What boundless love, what fathomless grace; You have shown us, O God of compassion.  
Each day we live an offering of praise as we show to the world Your compassion.*

We stood beneath the cross of Calvary and gazed on Your face,  
at the thorns of oppression and the wounds of disgrace;  
for surely You have borne our suffering and carried our grief,  
as You pardoned the scoffer and showed grace to the thief.

How beautiful the feet that carry this gospel of peace  
to the fields of injustice and the valleys of need;  
to be a voice of hope and healing, to answer the cries  
of the hungry and helpless with the mercy of Christ.

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### ■ congregational prayer | *Elder Marc Allen*

### ■ offertory prayer | *Eleanor Nagy (9am); Sue Edwards (11am)*

### ■ presentation of tithes and offerings

### ■ offertory

#### Ancient Words

Holy words, long preserved for our walk in this world—  
They resound with God’s own heart; O, let the ancient words impart.

Words of life, words of hope give us strength, help us cope.  
In this world where’er we roam, ancient words will guide us home.

*Ancient words, ever true, changing me, changing you.  
We have come with open hearts; O, let the ancient words impart.*

Holy words of our faith handed down to this age,  
came to us through sacrifice; O, heed the faithful words of Christ.

Martyrs’ blood stains each page—They have died for this faith.  
Hear them cry through the years, heed these words and hold them dear.

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*Children ages 5 through 2nd grade are now dismissed for Children’s Church.  
Children should exit the Sanctuary using the door to the left of the stage.*

## GOD FEEDS HIS PEOPLE THROUGH HIS WORD

### ■ sermon scripture reading

*Philippians 4*

<sup>1</sup>Therefore, my brothers, whom I love and long for, my joy and crown, stand firm thus in the Lord, my beloved.

#### Exhortation, Encouragement, and Prayer

<sup>2</sup>I entreat Euodia and I entreat Syntyche to agree in the Lord. <sup>3</sup>Yes, I ask you also, true companion, help these women, who have labored side by side with me in the gospel together with Clement and the rest of my fellow workers, whose names are in the book of life.

<sup>4</sup>Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, rejoice. <sup>5</sup>Let your reasonableness be known to everyone. The Lord is at hand; <sup>6</sup>do not be anxious about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. <sup>7</sup>And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

<sup>8</sup>Finally, brothers, whatever is true, whatever is honorable, whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is commendable, if there is any excellence, if there is anything worthy of praise, think about these things. <sup>9</sup>What you have learned and received and heard and seen in me—practice these things, and the God of peace will be with you.

#### God’s Provision

<sup>10</sup>I rejoiced in the Lord greatly that now at length you have revived your concern for me. You were indeed concerned for me, but you had no opportunity. <sup>11</sup>Not that I am speaking of being in need, for I have learned in whatever situation I am to be content. <sup>12</sup>I know how to be brought low, and I know how to abound. In any and every circumstance, I have learned the secret of facing plenty and hunger, abundance and need. <sup>13</sup>I can do all things through him who strengthens me.

<sup>14</sup>Yet it was kind of you to share my trouble. <sup>15</sup>And you Philippians yourselves know that in the beginning of the gospel, when I left Macedonia, no church entered into partnership with me in giving and receiving, except you only. <sup>16</sup>Even in Thessalonica you sent me help for my needs once and again. <sup>17</sup>Not that I seek the gift, but I seek the fruit that increases to your credit. <sup>18</sup>I have received full payment, and more. I am well supplied, having received from Epaphroditus the gifts you sent, a fragrant offering, a sacrifice acceptable and pleasing to God. <sup>19</sup>And my God will supply every need of yours according to his riches in glory in Christ Jesus. <sup>20</sup>to our God and Father be glory forever and ever. Amen.

#### Final Greetings

<sup>21</sup>Greet every saint in Christ Jesus. The brothers who are with me greet you. <sup>22</sup>All the saints greet you, especially those of Caesar’s household.

<sup>23</sup>The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ be with your spirit.

### ■ prayer for illumination

### ■ sermon | *Tom Holliday, Senior Pastor* “The Deep Gospel Partnership of Mercy” *Sermon series: Ministries of Mercy*

## GOD’S PEOPLE RESPOND

### ■ confession of sin

**Almighty and most merciful Father, we are thankful that Your mercy is higher than the heavens, wider than our wanderings, and deeper than all our sin.**

**We confess that we are more often obstacles to Your mercy than vessels for it. Forgive our careless attitudes toward Your purposes, our refusal to relieve the suffering of others, our envy of those who have more than we have, our obsession with creating a life of constant pleasure, our indifference to the treasures of heaven, and our neglect of Your wise and gracious law.**

**Help us to desire Your glory above all things, so that we might love as You love and do as You command, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

## GOD FEEDS HIS PEOPLE THROUGH HIS TABLE

### ■ sacrament of the lord’s supper

#### Explanation, Invitation, Participation

*All baptized Christians who are members in good standing of a church that proclaims the Gospel of Jesus Christ are invited to participate. Children who have been admitted into the church as communicant members are invited to participate as well. If you have any questions, please ask one of our pastors or elders.*

**9am service:** *Elders and deacons will distribute the elements to each row.*

**11am service:** *Members will be invited to come forward to receive the bread and the cup. You will receive the elements from the pastors and elders standing up front in your section of the Sanctuary, and then take the bread and cup back to your seat. We will take the elements together as prompted by the pastor.*

**Instrumental Communion Song: Come, O Sinner**

### ■ song of response

#### His Mercy Is More

What love could remember no wrongs we have done;  
omniscient, all-knowing, He counts not their sum,  
thrown into a sea without bottom or shore: Our sins they are many; His mercy is more.

*Praise the Lord! His mercy is more—stronger than darkness, new every morn:  
Our sins they are many; His mercy is more.*

What patience would wait as we constantly roam, what Father so tender is calling us home;  
He welcomes the weakest, the vilest, the poor: Our sins they are many; His mercy is more.

What riches of kindness He lavished on us;  
His blood was the payment, His life was the cost.  
We stood ‘neath a debt we could never afford: Our sins they are many; His mercy is more.

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### ■ dismissal

Leader: Let us go forth and serve our city and our world as those who love the Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

**All: We will go forth and serve our city and our world in the name of Christ.**

### ■ benediction

### ■ announcements | *Matt Coombs, Executive Director of Ministries*